



Children's Services Council of Broward County

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BUILDING A FUTURE FOR BROWARD'S CHILDREN

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Beam Furr



We are fortunate to live in a community where we understand the importance of investing in our most important resource: our children. That is why in the year 2000 Broward County voters created an organization dedicated to the vision that all “children in Broward should have the opportunity to realize their full potential, their hopes and dreams supported by a nurturing family and community.” This principle has guided the Children’s Services Council of Broward County (CSC) since we began operations a year later, never taking for granted the trust placed upon us at that time.

In 2014, when the State legislature required the CSC to be reauthorized via referendum, we trusted the community to understand that the work and worth of the CSC was essential in building a better Broward for all. Our trust was rewarded when we were reauthorized with nearly 80% of voters saying YES.

Trust is the core value. Unlike other taxing entities that deliver services in real-time, such as schools, safety and infrastructure, the CSC was created as an investment toward a better future. Creating the conditions by which a child can succeed now can lay a foundation for future success. We do this by providing maternal health services that ensure a healthy birth

and stronger bonds between mother and child; by ensuring that fathers are fully engaged in raising their children; by providing safe, affordable, high quality out-of-school-time childcare; by ensuring all children read at grade level by the time they reach the third grade so that after they learn to read they can read to learn; by providing non-punitive alternatives so youth with less serious offenses can avoid being entangled in the juvenile justice system; by supporting youth with special needs or aging out of the foster care system with internships and work opportunities and the list goes on. This is how we support the growth of the responsible, productive adult of the future.

Given my background as an educator and librarian, I am particularly excited by the substantial work we have been doing, since 2015, in galvanizing the community around the importance of early literacy. By creating and expanding the Broward Reads Campaign for Grade Level Reading and engaging all stakeholders (parents and caregivers, educators, municipalities, volunteers and the business sector) we are making inroads in ensuring children have the tools for lifelong success. Our collective work was recently recognized by the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading with the 2016 Pacesetter Award. Just as exciting, Fort Lauderdale was selected by JetBlue and Random House as the 2017 winner of the Soar with Reading 100,000 book award. These were distributed over the summer in areas deemed “book deserts” where children selected free age appropriate books from vending machines and learned to foster a love of reading.

After 17 years, we have moved the needle in many areas but much more needs to be done. We are grateful for the trust the community has placed in us and take that responsibility very seriously. We will work diligently to ensure the CSC is an investment we can all be proud of, as our children grow into responsible, productive adults.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beam Furr". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Beam Furr
Chair

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer

What an intense year this has been! After laying the groundwork for far-reaching structural changes over the last few years, internally and throughout the child-serving community, the work is beginning to bear fruit. This past year we have built or revised our programs around a better understanding of the historical impact of racial inequity and have been more diligent about including community voices in our processes. The result of this shift has been a broader and deeper engagement that allows for new partnerships and more ability to turn the curve in a number of key areas, as you will see throughout this report.

Because we don't do this work in a vacuum, early in the year we convened the 2017 Youth and Family Summit. Every five years, we take this opportunity to report back to the community about our joint achievements, connect to national best practice models, and reenergize together to continue our collective impact work. Particularly exciting this year was how hundreds of participating youth lent their voices and talents to the event, both through artistic expression and in debate forums where they took pro and con positions on issues that directly impact them.

Also very exciting this year was the implementation of the Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) grant through the Best Opportunities to Shine and Succeed (BOSS) program. We were one of only nine nationally selected sites. The purpose of this initiative is to pilot better ways of improving outcomes for disconnected youth by allowing for additional flexibility in using discretionary funds across multiple federal programs. We are happy to report that in its first year our BOSS program has succeeded beyond all expectations.

Of course, as evidenced throughout this report, we have also continued to improve the quality and quantity of funded services—always looking at critical areas of need where CSC investment can have the greatest impact. I am grateful for the continued support of the Council Members as well as our partners whose support has fueled CSC's tenacious efforts to ensure that families in Broward have the tools to succeed. These include the Jim Moran Foundation, the Community Foundation of Broward, the AD Henderson Foundation, the McCormick Foundation, Florida Panthers Foundation, and United Way together with Broward County Government, Broward County Schools, Broward Sheriff's Office, ChildNet, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Florida Dept. of Health in Broward County and the fantastic array of service providers. Without their partnerships, we would not be able to impact as many children, youth and families' lives.

Thank you for taking the time to look through the pages of CSC's 2016-17 Annual Report, and continuing to give your Children's Services Council the opportunity to work with the broader community to empower all children to become responsible productive adults.



Cindy Arenberg Seltzer
President/CEO



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MISSION

To provide the leadership, advocacy and resources necessary to enhance children's lives and empower them to become responsible, productive adults through collaborative planning and funding of a continuum of care.

VISION

The children of Broward County shall have the opportunity to realize their full potential, their hopes and their dreams, supported by a nurturing family and community.



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SUSTAINING THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PLAN

THE YOUTH AND FAMILY SUMMIT 2017

At the heart of the CSC's mission is providing leadership for a coordinated system of care for Broward's children and families. Recognizing that we all have a stake in the success of Broward's children, the CSC provides backbone support for the collective impact framework known as the Broward County Children's Strategic Plan. The shared vision of "Success for all of Broward's Children" powers over 50 committees that help identify the causes that create negative outcomes and find solutions to turn the curve in positive directions for our youth and the community.

As part of this work, every few years the CSC leads the convening of a Youth and Family Summit where stakeholders can take stock of the progress made over the intervening years, assess the work that remains to be done and be inspired and reenergized to continue the important work of

improving the lives of all children and families in Broward.

The February 2017 Youth and Family Summit, themed "Building a Better Broward: A Shared Agenda for Children", gathered well over 1,200 people at the Broward County Convention Center, 400 of them high school students who participated in debate teams and performances and injected their voice in the proceedings. The keynote speakers were Kevin Haggerty of the Center for Communities that Care who spoke on creating healthy environments where all young people can live and succeed, and Maya L. Harris, visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School and Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, who gave an overview of the socio-political environment of our times and the importance of empowering young people to become thriving adults. [Learn More](#)

WORKING TO ENSURE ALL CHILDREN HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED

All children should have environments that support healthy brain development and access to the many opportunities our country provides. When historical structures that codified racial inequality created structural community conditions that do not support the necessary access, opportunities and resources, children and families are barred from the shared American Dream. The CSC recognizes that, in addition to providing funds for programs that support children and families, confronting racism and racial disparity is critical to affecting positive change for everyone.

Beginning in August 2016, the CSC, Broward County Human Services Department, and City of Fort Lauderdale Police department funded training to understand how racism continues to show up in our lives and communities for over 325 attendees representing government, law enforcement, private enterprise and non-profit organizations. In addition, over 1,000 partners were trained in (1) the local history of racism and resilience in Broward and (2) implicit bias - the reliance on hidden negative stereotypes and beliefs that infuse quick judgements. The reflective and personally transformative workshops show how people of all races are hurt by racism and are resulting in innovative solutions in our procurements, partnerships and programs. [Learn More](#)



EARLY LITERACY AS THE GATEWAY TO LIFELONG SUCCESS

Educational opportunities that are equitable and effective are at the core of the level playing field helping every child in Broward grow to be a successful, productive adult. A focus on early literacy and ensuring that children read at grade level by the time they complete the third grade is one of the best investments we can make as a community in the academic, social and economic success of each child. That is why the [Broward Reads-Campaign](#) for Grade Level Reading is an integral and very active committee of the Broward County Children's Strategic Plan. Engaging 20 municipalities in the Broward Reads in Your City initiative, as well as the bringing in business, nonprofit, philanthropic and government sectors through a number of year-round initiatives that include parent engagement, out-of-school-time support, school readiness and preventing chronic

absenteeism, has resulted in Broward being recognized as a 2016 Pacesetter Community by the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

Other recent highlights include Fort Lauderdale being selected by JetBlue and Scholastic Books as the recipient of 100,000 books as part of the Soar with Reading Campaign. These books were distributed free of charge and with unlimited access to children via "vending machines" that included a wide array of titles, all summer long.

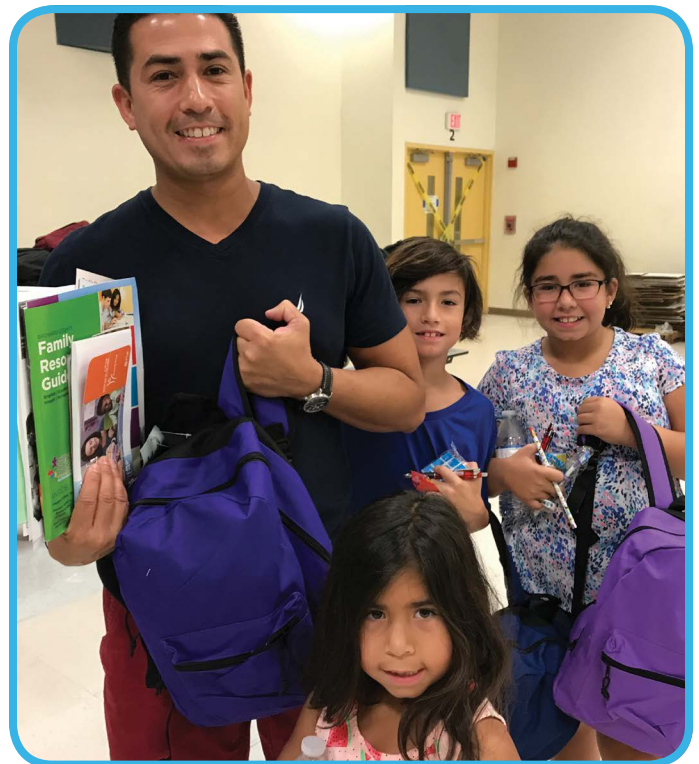
In addition, in partnership with JumpStart, almost 1,000 volunteers participated in Broward Reads for the Record by reading the very funny "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich" story to close to 40,000 four and five-year-olds on the same October 2016 day. CSC funds helped purchase a copy of the book for every participating child. [Learn More](#)

BRINGING JOY TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES WITH THE BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

Who doesn't remember the excitement of that first day of school when, after summer break, children reconvene to begin a new academic year? For most, it is a day filled with anticipation and happiness reconnecting with friends and meeting new teachers, while showing off brand new clothing and accessories. For too many children, however, that excitement is mitigated by adverse economic circumstances. That is why, since 2012, the CSC has partnered with Broward County School social workers and dozens of other community organizations to outfit thousands of students in need with new backpacks filled with supplies, shoes and uniforms with a Broward Back to School Community Extravaganza. In FY 2016/17, 6,500 children and their families took advantage of the event held over two weekends at three different locations. [Learn More](#)

AGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING

Supporting organizations big or small is not always about funding. Sometimes it is about providing different kinds of resources to help these organizations become sustainable and impactful. The CSC is committed to collaboratively assisting community-based organizations that provide services to children and families to meet their full potential by offering trainings, networking and professional assessments. The CSC provides capacity building mini-grants through a Request for applications process in support of professional development. In FY 2016/17, these grants and supportive services amounted to over \$80,000 distributed to 8 organizations. [Learn More](#)



TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR NONPROFITS

Professional training and development is key to maintaining and enhancing strong skillsets. The CSC offers conveniently scheduled classroom and on-line training sessions covering close to 100 topics relevant to child and family services. With the CSC's Broward Training Collaborative (BTC), online registration for training classes is convenient and easy. Registrants simply logon to the BTC's website

and scroll through the list of classes offered. Ease of access to training information is important as proven by the fact that 4,160 participants representing over 200 agencies attended CSC funded trainings in FY 2016/17, with a satisfaction rate of 97%. Similarly, the Online Learning Center had over 300 participants taking advantage of online courses with a satisfaction rate of 98%.

A LINK TO RESOURCES ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

When Broward residents find themselves in need, help is as easy as dialing 2-1-1, the number for the live, 24-hour information helpline connecting residents with agencies offering various community assistance programs. Trained counselors answer calls concerning disaster relief, childcare, medical services, financial assistance, food programs, mental health, domestic abuse, suicide prevention and more. Each year, 2-1-1 handles more than 100,000 calls, and receives over 100,000 visitors to its website. The helpline extends its services beyond the call center by engaging with the community through outreach and education programs. The CSC funds 2-1-1's general helpline, the Children with Special Needs Hotline, and the Behavioral Health INFOLine which provides in-person case management along with flex funds when immediate assistance is necessary. For the past three years, CSC has also sponsored the Collective Impact for Youth Award as part of the annual 2-1-1 Broward Non-Profit Awards.

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HELPING OTHERS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Coming together in volunteer service to help those in need is a deeply ingrained American value as well as a capacity building tool for nonprofit organizations. By providing meaningful service opportunities to thousands of volunteers supporting over 600 organizations, HandsOn Broward is a critical component of the County's human service system of care and infrastructure. The CSC funds

HandsOn Broward to support our many campaigns fueled by volunteers such as Read for the Record. They also provide signature leadership programs that encourage civic engagement and empower youth to grow as leaders and those who need service learning hours to complete their graduation requirements.

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CHILD SAFETY & WELLBEING

Building Bridges Toward Successful Youth Outcomes

NURTURING PARENTS ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The bonding that occurs between mother and child upon birth is a key factor in the healthy development of the baby. Brain architecture is directly related to protective, nurturing relationships. Maternal depression can get in the way of this essential cornerstone of development. The CSC funds Moms Overcoming Maternal Stress (MOMS), a program that provides needed services to pregnant women and new moms and their families if maternal depression diagnosed. Such depression can affect mother-child bonding and negatively impact developmental milestones. These symptoms are normal and should be addressed without fear of stigma or ridicule. Engaging, culturally-sensitive and effective services are provided in-home by knowledgeable and caring health professionals that help mothers and all caregivers in the family improve parenting skills promote child development and reduce risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect. In FY 2016/17, 248 mothers participated in the program.



[PSA in English](#)

[PSA in Spanish](#)

100%

of mothers reported fewer symptoms of depression and/or anxiety.

93%

of infants and children met developmental milestones for communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and social skills.

94%

of mothers demonstrated acceptable level or improvement of attachment/bonding with target infant.

ENSURING CHILDREN GROW UP HEALTHY, SAFE AND NURTURED THROUGH SUPPORT & AWARENESS OF RESOURCES

All children have the right to grow-up safe, healthy, happy and nurtured. Since 2009, agencies that work to prevent child abuse and neglect have come together in the Broward AWARE! Protecting OUR Children Campaign to leverage public awareness resources for greater impact. Lead by the CSC and modeled on the statewide Ounce of Prevention's Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign, these organizations help keep children safe from abuse and neglect while healing those who have been victimized. In FY 2016/17 Broward AWARE! was launched at the annual 33311 Walk held in Ft. Lauderdale's historic Sistrunk neighborhood. The

event highlighted issues ranging from supporting children in the dependency system to human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation awareness. Other Broward AWARE related events included the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Me and My Dad Challenge, supporting healthy father and child relationships; the Healthy Families Graduation, celebrating the achievements of over 60 families who participated in the program; the Denim Day campaign against sexual violence; and the Family Fun and Resource Fair held in April, during Child Abuse Prevention Month. [Learn More](#)

STRONG COMMUNITIES & STRONG FAMILIES THRIVE TOGETHER



88%

of families participated in all program requirements.

90%

of families improved family functioning.

A thriving community supports an infrastructure where all families can grow, prosper and enjoy life together. Deep-rooted or temporary circumstances may interfere with a family's ability to thrive. Not all families' challenges are alike. That is why CSC funded Family Strengthening programs are an essential part of the social fabric that ultimately benefits entire communities. Encouraging nurturing skills to stay strong and healthy and reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect with in-home and group services provided through partnerships with non-profit organizations throughout the County, helps families succeed and conquer everyday challenges. These interventions enhance parenting skills, limit stress and bring stability to families in crisis ultimately reducing the need for out-of-home placement of children and involvement with the dependency system, providing a brighter outcome for families working to stay strong and together.

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GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER RELATIVE CARE GIVERS: OFTEN UNSUNG HEROES

The best environment for children to grow is at home or with close relatives or family friends where they are known, loved and nurtured. Sometimes biological parents can't provide that home for a whole host of reasons. Often, it is grandparents and other relatives who take on the responsibility of raising these children, preventing them from being removed into the foster care system. Because the arrangement is frequently informal, these family members do not necessarily know how their circumstances affect their legal rights and obligations or how to access mental health counseling and respite care. They may also need assistance navigating the school system and available public benefits. The CSC has recognized that thousands of grandparents, relatives and close family members in Broward are solely responsible for raising children not their own. That's why since 2005 it has funded Kinship Initiatives for Supportive Services (KISS) programs, so that children and youth can continue living in stable homes and familiar environments and not be removed into the dependency system. The Jim Moran Foundation has partnered with the CSC since 2014 to expand kinship services that include coordinated, comprehensive social/emotional support and legal services delivered in-home or at convenient community locations. [Learn More](#)

100%

of caregivers demonstrated acceptable level and/or decreased their experienced level of parenting stress.

96%

of caregivers reported satisfaction with Kinship services.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM DROWNING



What's more inviting on a hot day than a cool, refreshing swim? In South Florida, we are fortunate to have many opportunities to enjoy swimming in pools, lakes, and the ocean year-round. However, many children don't know how to swim, and drowning is the number one cause of accidental death for children under the age of five in Broward County. That is why the CSC funds the Broward County Swim Central program along with needed staff support for the Drowning Prevention Taskforce with the Florida Department

of Health in Broward. In FY 2016/17, the CSC funded Swim Central to manage free water safety instruction and education classes for almost 24,000 children at local community centers, childcare centers, and elementary schools. In addition, the CSC also funded \$100,000 for swim vouchers for children 6 months to 4 years old, which provided families with up to eight low or no-cost water safety classes. More than 3,000 coupons were redeemed, potentially saving the lives of thousands of children.

[Learn More](#)

100%

of children who participated in the swim program have not drowned 3 years after program completion.

80%

of participants completing between 3 and 6 classes demonstrated an improvement of one or more levels on the revised Water Safety Skills Checklist.

85%

of participants completing 7 or more classes, with a maximum of 10 classes, demonstrated an improvement of one or more levels on the Water Safety Skills Checklist.

ENSURING ALL CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO RELIABLE HEALTHCARE THROUGH KIDCARE

Healthy children learn, grow and thrive when they have access to healthcare as an integral part of their wellbeing. Not all children are covered in traditional healthcare plans and not all caregivers are aware of the availability of affordable health insurance through KidCare. The CSC funds the Department of Health in Broward County's KidCare Outreach Program that uses a multi-pronged approach to provide access and reduce barriers to public health insurance coverage including KidCare (subsidized and full-pay), Medicaid and CMS. KidCare Outreach Staff are the primary

source for applications and outreach materials for partner programs and agencies serving eligible populations, including schools, child care centers, afterschool programs and social service agencies. KidCare Outreach Staff also partner with CareerSource to provide application assistance and community resources to displaced workers.

When the Florida Legislature removed the 5-year waiting period for eligibility for lawfully residing children in 2016, the CSC funded bi-lingual staff that helped 315 newly eligible children be signed-up through KidCare. [Learn More](#)

100%

of technical related calls by 1,773 families were resolved.

136

community outreach and public education events.

WELL-FED CHILDREN LEARN AND THRIVE

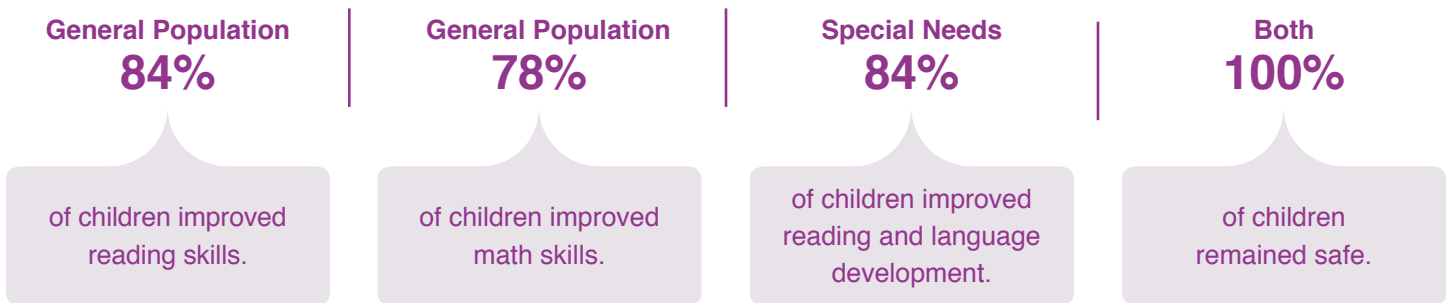
Proper nutrition is essential to a child's physical and mental development. A child who is chronically hungry is not likely to succeed in the classroom. The CSC has been a part of child hunger relief efforts since 2004 by supporting a number of innovative initiatives, including the creation of the South Florida Hunger Coalition, establishing community gardens, including healthy snacks and suppers in the out-of-school funded programs and more. In the summer of 2017, the CSC funded LifeNet 4 Families to purchase food for distribution through the Summer Food Box Program. This, coupled with private food donations, ensured access to nutritious meals to 2,232 children. In addition, the CSC once again funded the Mobile Summer BreakSpot project, introduced in 2014, which provided warm, nutritious meals five

days a week at nine housing authority and low-income apartment sites and 72 additional sites in Broward County to 21,256 children and youth. Added enrichment activities included swim safety instruction, nutrition and physical fitness education, literacy support, positive engagement activities with law enforcement and eye exams and free eyeglasses for those children who needed them.

Other ongoing CSC supported hunger relief programs include the student-led Harvest Drive, where more than 2,300 families receive a week's worth of groceries and household items as well as the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving meal. An additional 500 families also have free access to gently used clothing, shoes, toys, books and household items year-round. [Learn More](#)

ENRICHING PROGRAMS KEEP CHILDREN SAFE AND ENGAGED DURING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

We know our children are our most precious resource and we know we want them safe, healthy and nurtured, always. Working parents rest easy when they can trust that their children attend programs that are academically enriching and culturally and socially engaging. Children who participate in the CSC funded Maximizing Out-of-School Time (MOST) programs fully enjoy the fun, safe and supportive environment provided by 22 agencies at close to 90 locations throughout the County. The schedule includes a focus on homework completion, project based learning, social, emotional and physical development, and educational field trips and cultural arts opportunities for all children including those with special needs. Services are provided after school, on non-school days, early release days, and during the summer with sliding fees assessed on the family's ability to pay. By including age appropriate book distributions, out-of-school time summer programs help address summer learning loss which low income children suffer at a much higher rate than their middle income peers. Children and youth in CSC's programs are fed a snack and supper during the school year, and lunch and snack during the summer through a partnership with federal food programs. [Learn More](#)



“ I am a single mother with two special needs children with autism. As a single mother that works full time, I am appreciative knowing that my children have a safe place to go after school. They are being treated with dignity and having fun, which has been a huge relief.

– ELYSE GABRIELE

BUILDING BRIDGES TOWARD SUCCESSFUL YOUTH OUTCOMES

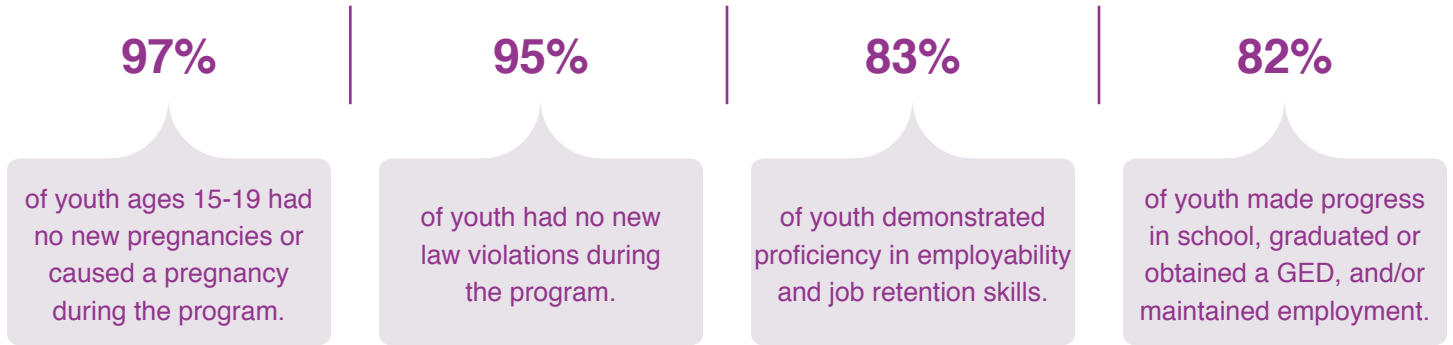
As caring adults, we believe that all youth deserve a shot at success, including those who are in the dependency system or in the care of relatives. Since 2004, our community has worked to support teens who are aging out of foster and relative care strive successfully toward adulthood. Since 2008,

The Jim Moran Foundation has partnered with the CSC in supporting Future Prep, a program that provided life coaches committed to successful outcomes for these youth. Using best-practice transitional independent living program models, youth received mentoring, vocational and career

exploration services, employability skills training, case management, life-skills, and other supports. In FY 2016/17, recognizing that diverse youth populations could benefit from this mix of services, the CSC expanded the original program into the Healthy Youth Transitions (HYT) program. With additional support from The Jim Moran Foundation, overall funding nearly doubled and the populations

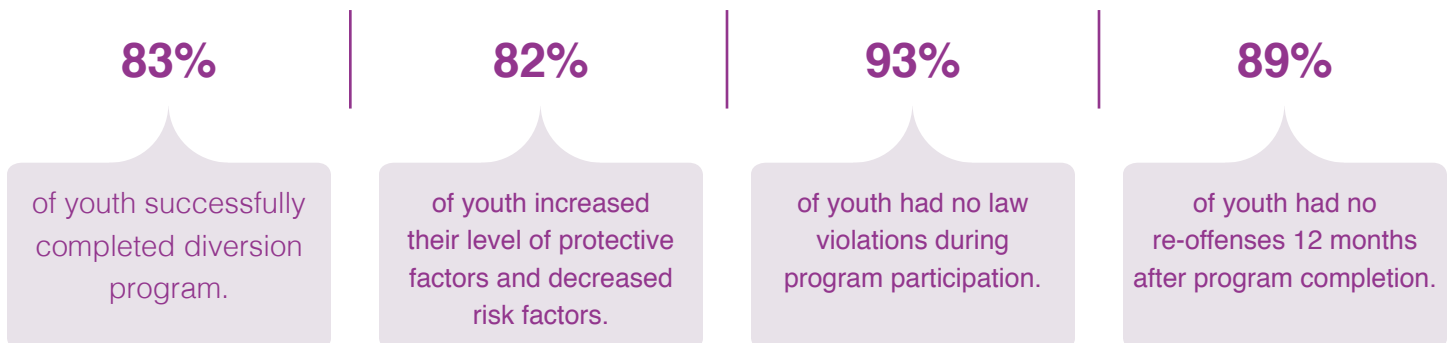
currently served include youth in foster care or with juvenile justice involvement as well as LGBTQ youth. Importantly, the expansion offers all participating youth access to therapy services from trained clinical staff to address mental health needs and support a healthy transition to adulthood. Close to 800 youth benefited from HYT in FY 2016/17.

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FORMATIVE EXPERIENCES SOMETIMES INCLUDE MISTAKES

Communities thrive when all youth have equal access to opportunities that allow them to transition to a successful and productive adulthood. As we know, long-lasting punitive approaches are harmful to young people's wellbeing and more expensive for taxpayers. Data has also shown that black youth are disproportionately represented in the system. Fortunately, the CSC's New DAY programs support positive alternatives for young people to learn the error of their ways by making restitution, and developing important skills such as empathy, while engaging the victims of their actions. These programs support teens as they strive to realize their full potential without paying a life-long cost for a youthful mistake. Research indicates that the recidivism rate for youth going through diversion programs is much lower than for those who go through the formal court system. These diversion programs lead to better, more equitable outcomes for our young people and our communities. In FY 2016/17, approximately 1,600 youth participated in New DAY programs.



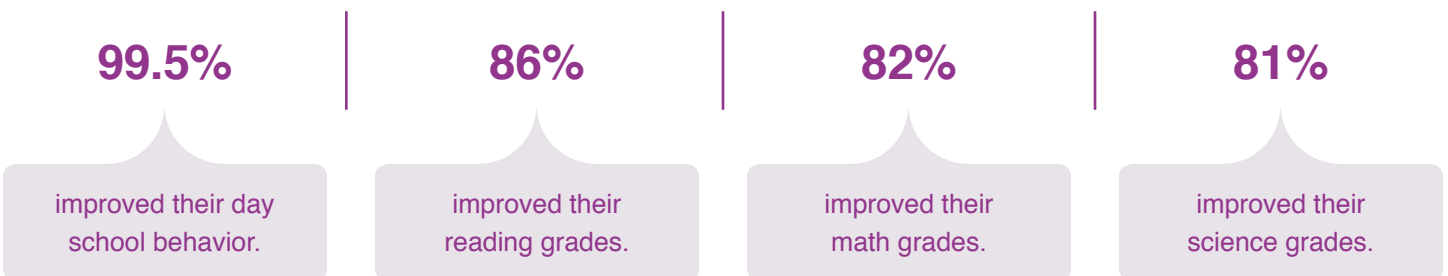
ENGAGING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN PROGRAMS FOR SUCCESS

When children have the opportunity to meaningfully engage in subjects that are in line with their interests and talents, the results can be rewarding and life-changing. For the past 10 years, the CSC's Youth FORCE (Friends, Opportunities, Resources, Counseling & Education) program has encouraged thousands of Broward's middle schoolers to participate in fun, enriching activities centered on literacy in five key areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM). In partnership with 14 organizations and delivered at 22 schools and 4 community sites, the program offers after-school and summer activities that include robotics, drama, and dance classes, as well as case management, counseling, and drug and pregnancy prevention education by certified teachers. Healthy snacks and meals as well as physical exercise classes are provided in an effort to promote an overall healthy lifestyle. Approximately 1,336 students participated in Youth FORCE programs in FY 2016/17. [Learn More](#)



PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED

When Broward County high school students excel academically and are supported as they navigate complex post-secondary education options, they are better prepared to become the responsible, productive adults we all want them to be. Over the years, the CSC has committed to helping teens in Title 1 area high schools achieve increased academic scores, develop leadership skills and better understand their options as they contemplate their professional future. LEAP High and 21st Century Community Learning Center programs delivered at 11 low performing schools offer fun, project-based after-school activities that encourage student engagement in the learning process, while reinforcing regular classroom instruction. Many projects are centered on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), test preparation, and college planning. Students also receive career counseling, including the development of "soft skills" (social and emotional interactive skills), which are essential to establishing and maintaining employment success.



In 2015, Broward was selected to be one of nine recipients of the federally funded Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) program, which offered a unique opportunity to test innovative, cost-effective, and outcome-focused strategies for improving results for disconnected youth. This is done by allowing flexibility in using discretionary funds across multiple Federally funded programs. The P3 program in Broward is known as Best Opportunities to Shine and Succeed (BOSS). In FY 2016/17, through a broad based partnership among non-profits, governments, secondary and post-secondary schools, 500 students participated in BOSS programs at six of the 11 schools. [Learn More](#)

82%

of BOSS participating youth transitioned to a post-secondary institution.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS FOR YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Diversity in the workplace adds immeasurable value to any organization or business economically, socially, and beyond. However, for many with intellectual and developmental special needs, employment opportunities can be few and difficult to obtain. This is especially challenging for teens. According a recent U.S. Department of Labor report, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities 16 years of age and older is 7.6%. That's about double the rate for general populations.

The CSC works to ensure that teens with special needs have every opportunity to train and find work that will allow them to achieve their full potential. That is why CSC created the Supported Training Employment Program (STEP). STEP services are available year-round for youth ages 16-22 with special needs including physical, developmental, and behavioral challenges. With an emphasis placed on promoting independence, effective communication, and employability skills, the program seeks to aid in removing stigmas and biases against those with special needs.

As an added component of STEP, the Youth Work Incentive Counseling (Y-WIC) arm of the program serves as a resource for both the participants and their families by extending support and guidance.

In FY 16/17, 183 youth participated in STEP with many taking advantage of Y-WIC support.

[Learn More](#)

86%

of youth acquired measurable skills in Work Required Behavior.

92%

of youth acquired measurable skills in Job Duties.

92%

of youth acquired measurable skills in Daily Living Activities.

BUILDING EXPERIENCE AND OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Summer jobs provide teens with more than just a paycheck. They teach responsibility, accountability and work ethics, invaluable skills as the youth transition into adulthood. These are all traits emphasized through the CSC funded Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Working in conjunction with CareerSource Broward, the six-week program serves economically disadvantaged youth ages 16-18, many of whom are also in the dependency system. SYEP provides participants with minimum wage jobs, along with pre-orientation job readiness workshops, ongoing case management support and on-site job coaches.

Last year alone, the CSC placed more than 600 teens at 160 job sites throughout Broward County. For many, it was their first real exposure to employment. The program not only benefits teens, but also employers. However, with approximately 4,000 SYEP applications received annually, the high demand for these summer employment opportunities does not meet the number of slots available. [Learn More](#)

98%

of employers reported satisfaction with the program.

99%

of youth reported a positive experience with the program.



LEGAL ADVOCACY AND LAW LINE

There are times when one needs adequate legal representation. Yet, it is often the most vulnerable that lack competent counsel, frequently with negative life-changing consequences. This is particularly true for youth who may have run afoul of the law, getting caught in the criminal justice system when legal guidance might have avoided the worst consequences. The CSC funds Legal Aid Services of Broward County to deliver the Legal Advocacy and LAW Line programs providing advocacy, legal representation, case management, and supportive services to youth referred by the Juvenile Division of the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office or other community, child welfare, or children's services agency. The LAW Line program, created in 2015 is a helpline for economically-disadvantaged youth up to age 18 and their families to assist with concerns related to youth involvement with the delinquency and/or dependency systems. In addition, in FY 2016/17, the CSC began funding the Legal Representation for Youth Permanency Program. This provides comprehensive legal services by court appointment to children in the child welfare system to limit their time in state care and to achieve timely permanency by ensuring statutory time limits are not exceeded. The Permanency Program also provides the legal services necessary to ensure that while their clients are in state care they will receive the benefits and protections afforded to them under State and Federal law.

Additionally, the Provider participates in community meetings with all stakeholders to identify, discuss and attempt to remedy systemic child welfare issues that delay permanency for all children in state care.

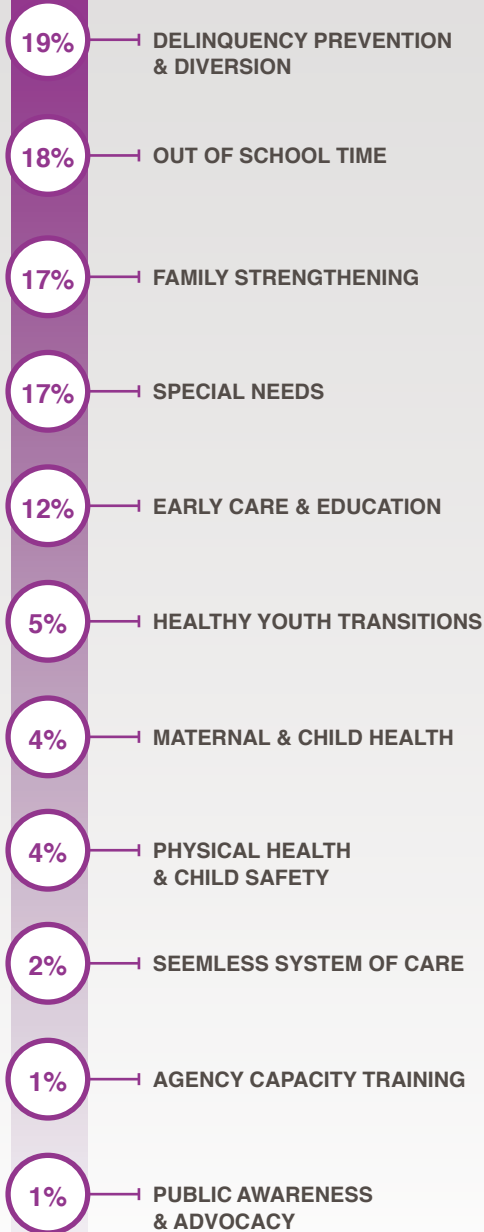
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2016/2017

BUDGET FOR PROGRAM SERVICES BY GOAL



Total Program Budget

\$70,272,877

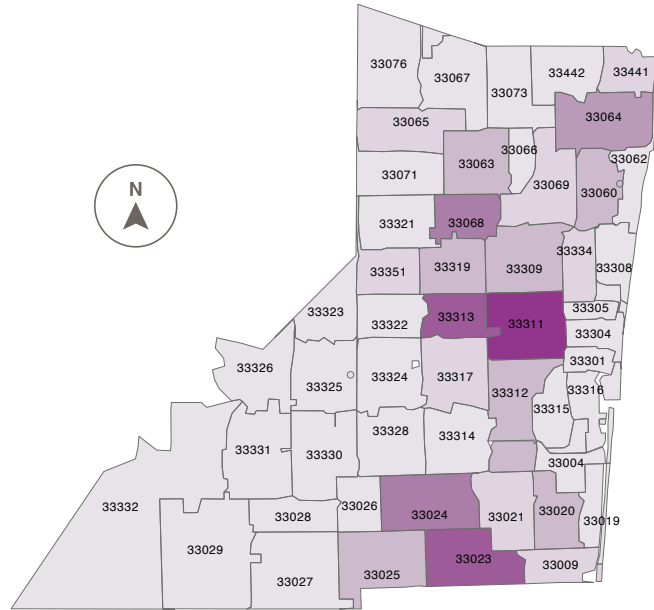
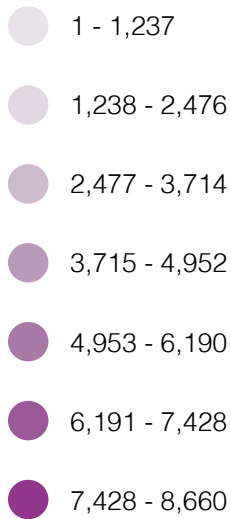
GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:	FY 2016/17 Actual	FY 2015/16 Actual
Property Taxes	\$75,990,468	\$70,246,887
Federal Grant Income	\$ 189,655	\$ 261,131
Local Foundations/ Miscellaneous	\$ 1,618,951	\$ 1,007,919
Total Revenues	\$77,799,074	\$71,515,937

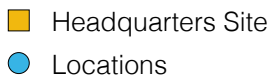
EXPENDITURES:	FY 2016/17 Actual	FY 2015/16 Actual
Program Services/ Support	\$70,062,520	\$65,669,800
General Administration	\$ 2,644,427	\$ 2,366,509
Capital Outlay	\$ 218,861	\$ 123,753
Non-Operating Expenditures	\$ 2,782,039	\$ 2,393,301
Total Expenditures	\$75,707,847	\$70,553,363

WHERE WE INVEST

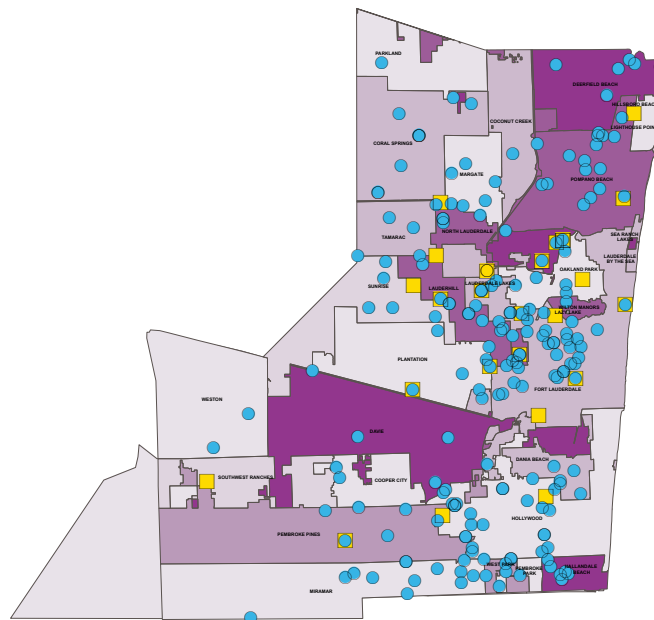
CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVED BY CSC BY ZIP CODE



CSC FUNDED PROGRAMS HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE LOCATIONS



NOTE: Some Headquarter locations are not displayed and serve clients county-wide



OUR FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

2-1-1 BROWARD

General Hotline,
Special Needs & Behavioral Health Hotline

ABILITIES

STEP

ACHIEVEMENT & REHABILITATION CENTER (ARC)

Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs,
Supported Training and Employment Program,
Family Strengthening

ADVOCACY NETWORK ON DISABILITIES

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, INC.

Youth FORCE, Maximizing Out-of-School Time,
Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs

ANN STORCK CENTER, INC.

Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs

BECOM TV

Public Awareness

BLACKTIE

Capacity Building

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Maximizing Out-of-School Time, Family Strengthening

BROWARD CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC.

Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs,
Family Strengthening

BROWARD COUNTY

Drowning Prevention, After School @Your Library,
Hunger Relief Maximizing Out-of-School Time, Summer Learning
Program Pilot

BROWARD LIBRARY FOUNDATION

P3

BROWARD REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Healthy Families, Subsidized Childcare

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

New DAY, Juvenile Assessment Center

BROWARD YOUTH SHINE

Community & Legislative Outreach

CAMELOT COMMUNITY CENTERS

New DAY, Healthy Youth Transition,
Family Strengthening

CAREERSOURCE BROWARD

Summer Youth Employment Program

CENTER FOR HEARING & COMMUNICATION

Supported Training and Employment Program,
Family Strengthening, Youth FORCE,
Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Family Strengthening

CHILDREN'S HARBOR

Family Strengthening

COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER INC.

Youth FORCE

COMMUNITY AFTER SCHOOL

Maximizing Out-of-School Time, Margate CRA

COMMUNITY BASED CONNECTIONS

Family Strengthening, New DAY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF BROWARD

Capacity Building, Community Leadership Mentoring

COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION HOUSING, INC. (CRHI)

Youth FORCE

COORDINATING COUNCIL OF BROWARD (CCB)

Common Eligibility

CROCKETT FOUNDATION

Youth FORCE

CROSS COUNTRY STAFFING

School Health, Coral Springs CRA

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF BC

Subsidized Childcare

FAMILY CENTRAL

Pre-K, Family Strengthening, Positive Behavior Support

FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS TOWN OF SO FL

Family Strengthening

FLITE – FORT LAUDERDALE INDEPENDENCE TRAINING & EDUCATION CENTER

Healthy Youth Transition

FLORIDA DEPT. OF HEALTH – BROWARD COUNTY

Drowning Prevention, KidCare Outreach

FLORIDA IMPACT

Hunger

FOREVER FAMILY (GIALOGIC PRODUCTIONS)

Adoption Promotion

GULF COAST COMMUNITY CARE

Family Strengthening, Healthy Youth Transition

HALLANDALE BEACH-CRA (HEPBURN CENTER)

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

HANDSON BROWARD

Volunteer Management, Community Gardens

HANDY

Healthy Youth Transition, Youth FORCE

HARMONY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.

New DAY, Youth FORCE, Kinship Relative Care Support

HARVEST DRIVE

Hunger Relief

HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES COALITION

Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress, Family Strengthening, FIMR,
CRIBS, Fatherhood Mentorship

HEART GALLERY OF BROWARD

Adoption Promotion

HENDERSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

New DAY, Family Strengthening,
Healthy Youth Transition

HISPANIC UNITY

Youth FORCE, Earned Income Tax Credit, Hunger Relief,
LEAP High, 21st Century, Family Strengthening

HOLLYWOOD ART / CULTURAL CTR FOR HOLLYWOOD, CITY OF

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

HOLLYWOOD BEACH CRA

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

H.O.M.E.S. – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE, AND EFFECTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD SOLUTIONS, INC.

Healthy Youth Transition

JEWISH ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE OPTIONS, INC.

Family Strengthening, SN Case Management

JULIANA GERENA & ASSOCIATES

Family Strengthening, New DAY
KidVision/WPBT (Community TV Foundation)
Early Childhood Education

KIDS IN DISTRESS, INC.

Maximizing Out-of-School Time, Kinship Support,
Family Strengthening

LAUDERDALE LAKES, CITY OF

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

LEGAL AID SERVICES OF BC, INC.

Kinship, LAW, Legal Representation of
Youth in Child Welfare System

LIFENET 4 FAMILIES

Hunger Boxes

MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

BREAK, New DAY, Family Strengthening,
Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress,
Youth FORCE, Maximizing Out-of-School Time,
Healthy Youth Transition

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES

Kinship Support

MIRAMAR, CITY OF

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE

Healthy Youth Transition

NEIGHBORS FOR NEIGHBORS

Public Awareness

NEW HOPE WORLD OUTREACH

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

NEW MIRAWOOD

Maximizing Out-of-School Time Gen Pop

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

A Day for Children

OPPORTUNITIES IND. CTR. (OIC) OF S. FLORIDA

Youth FORCE

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

New DAY, Healthy Youth Transition

PEMBROKE PINES, CITY OF

Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs

RUSSELL LIFE SKILLS

Maximizing Out-of-School Time GP

SEEING THE WORLD

Mobile Summer BreakSpot

SIERRA LIFECARE, INC.

School Health

SMITH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs,
BREAK, Youth FORCE, STEP

SMITH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES

Family Strengthening

SOREF JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

SOUTH CLUSTER CHILDREN SERVICES

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

SUNSHINE SOCIAL DBA SUNSERVE

Youth Services, Open Heart, Open Mind,
Healthy Youth Transition

SUNSHINE AFTERSCHOOL CHILD CARE, INC.

Maximizing Out-of-School Time

UNITED COMMUNITY OPTIONS (FORMERLY UCP)

Maximizing Out-of-School Time Special Needs,
Supported Training and Employment Program

UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY

Youth Development, Choose Peace Stop Violence

URBAN LEAGUE OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

New DAY, Maximizing Out-of-School Time,
Youth FORCE, Healthy Youth Transition

WEST PARK, CITY OF

Youth FORCE

WYMAN CENTER

Youth FORCE Training

YMCA OF BROWARD COUNTY

LEAP High, 21st Century, Youth FORCE
Supported Training and Employment Program,
Maximizing Out-of-School Time & Maximizing Out-of-School
Time Special Needs, Marlins Day Deerfield CRA, Spark Fidelity,
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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